PALLING LEAVES.

They are falling, slowly falling, Thick upon the forest side— Severed from the noble branches Where they waved in beanteens pride. They are falling in the valleys Where the early violets spring, And the birds in sunny springtime First their dulest music ring.

They are falling, sadly falling, Close beside our cettage door-Pale and faded like the loved once That have gone forever more. They are falling, and the sunbeams Shipe in beauty soft around ; Yet the faded leaves are falling-Falling on the grassy mound.

They are falling on the streamlet Where the silvery waters flow, And upon its piseld bosom Ouw .rd with the Waters go. They are; falling in the churchyard Where our kindred sweetly sleep-Where the idle winds of summer Boftly o'er the loved ones sweep.

They are falling, ever falling, When the autumn breezes sigh-When the stars in beauty glisten Bright upon the midnight sky. They are falling when the tempest Moans like Ocean's hollow roar-When the tuneless winds and billows Sadly sigh for ever more.

They are falling, they are talling, While our saddened hearts still go To the sunny days of childhood, In the dreamy long ago. And their tade .. hues remind no Of the blighted hopes and dreams-Paded like the talling leaflets Cast upon the ley streems.

Brain Labor Poorly Paid.

BASTROP. Nov. 13, 1877. EDITOR FREE PRESS :- My son always attends to receiving my mail. Today I asked him, 'has not the FREE Press come to hand yet?" (Your paper was a day behind time, not an unusual thing in Texas.) He replied, "yes-look at the file of papers and you'll find it." I said, "I can't see it," but he said, "look again among your mail and you'll find it," and sure enough, there was the FREE PRESS, but so much enlarged, such good printing paper and clear type that at first I could not recognize my old companion. Now, sir, I hope you will succeed, but I have fearful doubts about your being recompensed for your trouble and expense. You, as well as other publishers have made great efforts to extend circulation, and done all to make the papers interesting. But let me tell you, that most people had rather pam per their appetites, in drinking or eating, than feed the brain and the yearnings of the soul for progress. There are others again who had rather half starve and stint their table, but wish to make appearances and dress above their means. These two classes will not support a paper; they have no money to spare for a newspaper or books, times are too hard-but they have money for eigars, tobacco, liquors and luxurious esting or extravagance in dressing. They raise money for such things by all means. Intellect is at a discount. Filling the stomach, in dulging in drinks, following fashions, and paying for immoral dissipations. for these always money is to be found. and raised, even at the risk of honesty and fidelity. But brain labor is not duly paid. All who depend on skill are the last ones thought of to be paid. \$367,926 IN PRIZES! I had rather be a butcher, a baker, or brewer in order to make money, than be an editor, doctor or teacher,

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Yours truly, C. E.

Mrs. Sherman, the General's wife, has written a letter in which she ex presses herself freely about round dancing. She says her soul revolts against it, that very soon women of self respect will blush at it, and that public opinion will evertually drive it out of society. She adds: "The advocates of this dance have had their own way long enough-absorbing all entertainments-sneering upon and ridiculing those who quietly decline to participate-openly and constantly insinuating of those who decline it that they are therefore evil-minded, &c., or quoting impudently and insinuatingly their only weapon, 'Honi soit qui maily their only weapon, 'Honi soit qui maily pense,' and then throwing themselves in men's arms to prove their own purity of mind,"

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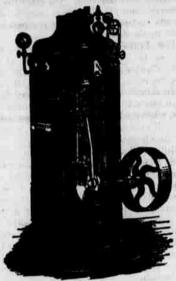
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